

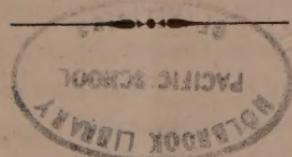
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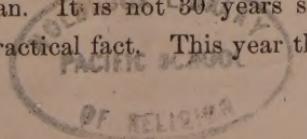
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PREFACE.

THE SAILORS' MAGAZINE has lived through its thirty-ninth year. This last page written is to preface VOLUME THIRTY-NINE. It has not lived through all these years for itself, or to cater to literary tastes in this age of story reading, for the emoluments of its editors or contributors. It has lived as the advocate of one of the noblest enterprises of the Church in this day. While its volumes are indeed to some extent a treasury of discoveries, curiosities in nature, progress in science, gems in literature, personal adventure, thrilling facts, national events in the onward movements of this progressive age; it is more a record, through all its volumes, of God's gatherings of his pearls from the ocean, of that new life and light on the "face of the deep." It is the SAILORS' MAGAZINE, and gathers many things from the sea. It is his advocate. We aim through it to bring the sailor, his daring enterprises, his mission, into notice; to give him his place, his rights among men; to reward him in some measure for the past, but more, to fit him for his higher and more glorious mission in the future.

What has the sailor already done, during the short career of his triumphs over the ocean? It is only 375 years since that Prince of Sailors, CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS, discovered this new world. It is only 365, since the CABOTS discovered North America. It is only 91 years since the United States, transported and planted, and nourished and defended by sailors, became a nation. It is not 83 years since FITCH commenced steam-boating. It is only 60 years since FULTON made it practical. It is only 48 years since the first steamer, and that an American, crossed the ocean. It is not 30 years since ocean steam navigation has become a practical fact. This year the vast Pacific is converted to a ferriage.



This short period of less than *four* centuries contains almost the entire history of man on the sea, of the daring adventures and glorious achievements of the sailor; and yet during this short period the human race has made more progress in every respect, than through the whole *fifty-five centuries* of its previous history.

The Sailor has led on the world's progress. He has gathered this new Nation, in these ends of the earth, and towards this end of time. He is giving it the empire of the sea. He is preparing it for the grandest mission that nation ever performed for man. He has bridged both oceans. "There is no more sea" to oppose the intercourse of nations, or the mission of the church. He has cast up the highway for the church to the ends of the earth.

Let him now join the church in evangelizing the world.

It is no mean position to be the advocate of such men. There is no want of argument, or material to make the SAILORS' MAGAZINE live and flourish till the millennium. There is only want of time to do justice to its themes and its cause.

With all its short comings, yet for the cause sake, may we not venture to ask for it a continued and increased patronage?

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